## Circular—typists—appointment.

**243. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any circular dated 13th June 1933 has been sent to the Heads of Departments informing that it is certainly desirable to appoint as tppists only those who have passed the higher examination in type-writing, if they are available; and if so

(b) whether a copy of the above circular be printed and placed on the table?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy is placed on the table. (*Appendix IX*).

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—May I know whether this circular is being given effect to by all departments?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I think so.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—May I know whether recently a candidate who has not passed the higher examination was appointed in the Police Department?

**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—Yes, one man was appointed. But he had the additional qualification of short-hand also. He had first class in the lower grade. So he was selected.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Why was this circular not given effect to?

**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—For the reasons mentioned just now.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is it mentioned in the circular that preference should be given to those who have passed the short-hand?

**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—For police work short-hand will be more useful.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—What is the nature of his work?

**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—Short-hand and type-writing.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Did the Police Commissioner refer this matter to the Government?

**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—I did not.

## Typists.

**244. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 227 dated 4th August 1933, will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether consideration of the question of giving relief to those who have continued as typists for seven years or more is over; and if not,

(b) how long the Government have been considering this matter;

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(c) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the affirmative, what is the decision arrived at;

(d) whether any one of those whose names are mentioned in Appendix XVIII to question No. 348 answered on 17th February 1933 has been relieved of typing?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** —(a), (b) and (c). The question will be considered at the time of the next budget. No definite promise can be given at present.

(d) Yes; one was transferred to the clerical line.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew**—'How long the Government has been considering this matter' has not been answered.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Probably more than a year.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Can we take it that the Government will be pleased to consider the revision of the pay of at least the dozen hands with more than 20 years' service as shown in answer to the previous question? Cannot the Government assure these persons that their case will be sympathetically considered at the time of the preparation of the next budget?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Government will be glad to consider it provided there are funds and without knowing how the budget stands there is no use of giving any promise. It is not on account of any reluctance to do anything.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—As far as the raising of the pay of these 12 hands to the 40 to 60 grade will not the financial commitment be very little? Are they to be put in the 40 to 60 grade at the time of their retirement? They have been stagnating at 40. The request is only to put them in the 40 to 60 grade.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Government will seriously consider that question.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—When vacancies in the clerical line occur, will the Government sympathetically consider the claims of those typists who have put in long service?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Copyists cannot be put in the clerical line.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Then why was one transferred to the clerical line?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Because he produced a medical certificate.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—So medically unfit typists will be transferred as clerks? Physically unfit makes a man to get higher pay?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—He was physically unfit to hold the typists' post and he was transferred as a clerk since he had the necessary qualifications.

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**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—So persons who are medically unfit for typing work and who were typists for 7 years, will their case be considered for transfer as clerks?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I explained that point the other day when a resolution was moved. I pointed out that complications on questions of seniority arise. It is impossible to decide such questions. Therefore it was ordered that in the interests of the clerks and the typists it is better to keep the two classes of officers distinct and separate.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to make a reference to the Madras Government and ascertain how they have got out of this difficulty?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I do not think there is any necessity but if the House is very anxious about it we shall do it. We have no objection.

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